



# Illinois Supports National Work Zone Awareness Week April 19 - 23, 2010

## *Driving Zero Fatalities to a Reality* **Partnering for Illinois**

To view the Illinois Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) and additional safety information go to: <http://www.dot.il.gov/safety.html>

### 10 Tips for Driving Safely in Work Zones

#### **EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED!**

(Normal speed limits may be reduced, traffic lanes may be changed, and people may be working on or near the road.)

#### **SLOW DOWN!**

(Speeding is one of the major causes of work zone crashes.)

#### **DON'T TAILGATE! Keep a Safe Distance Between You and the Car Ahead of You.**

(The most common crash in a highway work zone is the rear end collision.)

#### **KEEP A SAFE DISTANCE**

(Allow distance between your vehicle and the construction workers and their equipment.)

#### **PAY ATTENTION TO THE SIGNS! Observe the Posted Signs Until You See the One That Says You've Left the Work Zone.**

(The warning signs are there to help you and other drivers move safely through the work zone.)

#### **OBEY ROAD CREW FLAGGERS! The Flagger Knows What is Best for Moving Traffic Safely in the Work Zone.**

(A flagger has the same authority as a regulatory sign, so you can be cited for disobeying their directions.)

#### **STAY ALERT AND MINIMIZE DISTRACTIONS!**

(Dedicate your full attention to the roadway and avoid changing radio stations or using cell phones while driving in a work zone.)

#### **KEEP UP WITH THE TRAFFIC FLOW.**

(Help maintain traffic flow by merging as soon as possible. Don't drive right up to the lane closure and then try to merge.)

#### **SCHEDULE ENOUGH TIME TO DRIVE SAFELY. Check Radio, TV and Websites for Traffic Information.**

(Expect delays and leave early so you can reach your destination on time. Check the National Work Zone Safety Information Clearinghouse at <http://wzsafety.tamu.edu> for information on work zone delays throughout the country.)

#### **BE PATIENT AND STAY CALM.**

(Remember, the work zone crew members are working to improve the road and make your future drive better.)

